

## HOT WORDS USED IN HOUSE DEBATE

London, December 20.—Much hard language was indulged in and venomous feeling aroused in the House of Commons this afternoon over the retirement of Vice-Admiral Sir Francis C. Bridgeman-Bridgeman from the position of first sea lord of the British admiralty.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is a member of the house, and Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, reviled each other to the utmost limit allowed in British Parliament.

"Backstairs methods," "bribe and threats," "gross insinuations" and "skulking" were some of the choice phrases exchanged.

Briefly, Lord Charles Beresford charged Mr. Churchill with pursuing a policy of bribes and threats. If, he said, the sea lords disagreed with Mr. Churchill's autocratic assumption of the executive as well as the administrative authority they were dismissed in insolent letters.

Mr. Churchill's reply was crisp and stinging. Lord Charles Beresford, he said, had made a number of insinuations of a very gross character. "He has skulked in the background waiting for an opportunity to make charges unsupported by facts," Mr. Churchill declared. "He has leveled scurrilous allegations of espionage, favoritism, blackmail and inefficiency against me, but I have never taken him too seriously. He does not mean to be as offensive as he really is."

"I am sorry he was not made an admiral of the fleet, as I know how sore he is about it, but since I have been at the admiralty I have discovered that it would be very difficult to get a board of naval men to approve such an appointment."

Mr. Churchill stuck to his guns in saying that he had written to Admiral Bridgeman insisting on his resignation solely on account of the admiral's health rendering him incapable of adequately fulfilling his duties.

## NO REPLY MADE TO DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTING

Albany, N. Y., December 20.—Although General Daniel E. Sickles, of New York, was given until to-day to make an accounting to the state for funds amounting to about \$25,000 paid him as chairman of the New York State Monuments Commission, no word has been received from him by Attorney-General Carmody or State Comptroller Sommer. No vouchers for the money have been filed, and Mr. Carmody says he will now look to the members of the commission to restore the amount to the state treasury. He has so informed the commissioners.

## BEYOND NATIONAL LINES.

Alleged Book Swindlers Traced by Inspectors to China.  
Boston, Mass., December 20.—The \$5,000,000 "edition de luxe" book swindle which it is charged, was conducted by James J. Farmer and others under the name of the "Anglo-American Authors' Association" is beginning to assume a real international aspect. According to post-office inspectors who are working up evidence against the alleged fraud, agents of the Anglo-American Authors' Association found their way to the antipodes and took \$50,000 away from a wealthy Chinaman.

## NO TRACE OF CHESTER YATES.

Convict May Not Have Gotten Outside Sing Sing Walls.  
Ossining, N. Y., December 20.—No trace has yet been found of Chester Yates, who escaped from Sing Sing Wednesday. It is not even settled yet whether or not Yates got outside the prison walls, and search is still being made inside the prison, as well as in the surrounding country. Some of the older keepers think that Yates could not possibly have got outside the walls. They recall that eight or nine years ago a prisoner dropped out of sight and was found two days later between the floor of a lumber loft and the ceiling of the shop below. He had stayed there without food for forty-eight hours, with no chance to get away.

## MONUMENT UNVEILED AT ANDERSONVILLE

Andersonville, Ga., December 20.—In the presence of Governor Deneen, of Illinois, his staff and a large party of

Illinois veterans and representatives of the government, the monument to the memory of Illinois soldiers buried here was unveiled to-day. Addresses were delivered by Governor Deneen and Captain J. J. Ryan, United States Army, attached to the Department of the Gulf, who accepted the shaft on behalf of the government. The Illinois memorial, which cost about \$10,000, is one of the handsomest erected by the Northern States in the national cemetery here.

## FOUR MEN ARRESTED AS MEMBERS OF BAND

Dalton, Ga., December 20.—Warrants were issued to-day against four men, who, it is charged, under the pretense of being members of the masked band that whipped John Watkins a week ago, last night created a reign of terror on the West Side. The men are Ben Staten, Will Goff, Joe Massey and Pink Miller. They are said to have donned female attire and blacked their faces, then visited several houses, threatening the inmates.

## FITZGERALD NOT GUILTY OF ROBBERY SUBTREASURY

Chicago, December 20.—George W. Fitzgerald, former assistant teller in the United States Subtreasury at Chicago, charged with the theft of \$172,000 from the government in February, 1907, was found not guilty to-day.

The jury took five ballots in deciding the fate of Fitzgerald. The first, taken just after the jury retired at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, showed the members equally divided for conviction and acquittal. The third and fourth ballot were eleven for acquittal and one for conviction.

The trial began November 12, and if with five years' preliminary investigation of the miraculous shortage in the Chicago Subtreasury, is said to have cost the government more than \$100,000.

## Winter Camp in Cuba.

Annapolis, Md., December 20.—The crews of naval aviators who have been undergoing instruction at the navy aviation school were notified by the Navy Department to-day that their winter camp will be the Guantanamo, Cuba. They have been directed to proceed there on January 1.

## Fatal Revolver Duel.

Birmingham, Ala., December 20.—Harry Renford, saloon proprietor, was shot and killed and T. Jones Abbott was perhaps fatally wounded in a revolver duel between the two men here to-night.

Abbott, who is a well-known young man here, is said to have been ordered out of Renford's saloon prior to the shooting. Evidence gathered by the police indicates that he waited in the street near the saloon until Renford closed the place for the night, the duel resulting. Abbott was shot in the knee and the abdomen. Each man fired four or five times.

## Another Suffragette Goes to Jail.

London, December 20.—Another militant suffragette, Norah Lackey, was sent to jail yesterday for giving false fire alarms. The sentence meted out this time was one of three months' imprisonment, and the magistrate of the Westminster Police Court admonished the defendant that she would be even more severely punished if she repeated her offense. The prisoner is twenty-two years old.

## Edgar L. Pickard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Burlington, N. C., December 20.—Edgar L. Pickard died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents on Broad Street. Mr. Pickard had been sick a little over two weeks with pneumonia. He was improving, and was allowed to sit up and leave his room for the first time the day of his death. It is thought that heart failure caused his sudden death.

Mr. Pickard for some time had been working for the North Carolina Geological Survey, and more recently had been doing work for the State Highway Commission in the Western part

of the State. He was a young man, twenty-two years of age. He leaves a father, mother, three sisters and three brothers.

## Marriage Licenses.

Washington, December 20.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following:  
William E. Cobbs, of this city, and Cora L. Addins, of Alexandria, Va.  
C. Madison Ray, of Lexington, N. C., and Nannie Shumate, of Bealeton, Va.  
Thomas S. Nichols, of Middleburg, Va., and Sarah E. Hampton, of Purcellville, Va.  
Harry E. King and Carrie A. Reed, both of Staunton, Va.

## Fayetteville Weddings.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fayetteville, N. C., December 20.—Miss Mary Rhodes Vann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vann, and Ross Hamilton Fether, of Wilmington, were married at the residence of Rev. Joel S. Snyder, pastor of Rowan Street Church, Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Snyder performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Fether took a southbound train for Jacksonville, Tampa and other Florida places. They will be at home to their friends after January 1 at 211 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Mr. Fether is in the transportation department of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters at Wilmington.

A quiet marriage was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence, on Winslow Street, of Mrs. Virginia R. Branch, when her daughter, Miss Lila Gray Branch, became the bride of Francis Peelle, of Gibson. The ceremony was performed by a brother of the bridegroom, Rev. E. K. Peelle, of South Augusta. A. C. Miss Mattie Woodward, of Raleigh, rendered the music for the occasion. Master William Woodward Branch was ring bearer.

After the ceremony, at 4 o'clock, the bride and groom left the city by automobile for Aberdeen, and went by rail to Durham to visit Rev. W. W. Peelle, headmaster of Trinity Park High School, who is a brother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Peelle will be at home in Gibson after January 1.

Miss Alice Kennedy, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kennedy, and C. V. Mann were married at the home of the bride's parents, on Moore Street, Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock. Rev. Joel S. Snyder officiated. The happy young couple are at home at the residence of Mrs. S. L. Barden, on Ray Avenue.

## REAP BIG PROFITS FROM GOLD MINE STOCK.

New York, December 20.—Gold mine stock, which is alleged to have realized \$360,000 on sales, although the promoters had spent scarcely \$16,400 upon the mine itself in the previous year, was sold to-day by George W. Stork, a Federal accountant, who testified in the trial of A. L. Wisner and John J. Meyers. The defendants are charged with fraudulent use of the mails in promoting the mining property of A. L. Wisner & Company. Stork described his examination of the books of the Manhattan Nevada Gold Mines Company, of which the defendants were fiscal agents. He said 2,485,482 shares of this stock was sold for cash, 20,000 shares were given away as Christmas presents, 22,000 shares were distributed abroad, and 1,000 were exchanged for advertising. For stock changed for advertising. For stock sold for cash in the United States alone, he testified the defendants received nearly \$360,000.

## PREMIER BORDEN COMING.

Will Spend Parliamentary Recess in United States.  
Ottawa, Ont., December 20.—Prime Minister Borden will spend most of the parliamentary Christmas recess in the United States, returning to Ottawa in time for the reassembling of the House of Commons January 14. During their trip to the States they will visit New York City, Washington and the Virginia Hot Springs.

## COUPLE FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Furnishings Partly Burned, Giving Evidence of Foul Play.  
New York, December 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coboin, an aged couple, who lived alone on the top floor of a six-story apartment building on Washington Street, were found dead in bed yesterday. The bedding and some of the furnishings in the room were burned, but the fire was out when the tragedy was discovered. Detectives declared that there was evidence that there was evidence that the couple had been murdered before the fire was started.

## Cornell Has Perfect Woman.

Ithaca, N. Y., December 20.—Cornell has an almost perfect woman according to an announcement by Dr. Estelle Parker, the physical examiner at Sage College of women students. Miss Elsie Schell, of Brooklyn, is the most perfect physically of any student examined. Her measurements are nearer the proportions of Venus de Milo than any woman at Cornell, she declared. Since Dr. Parker has been connected with the college.

## Suit Dismissed.

The suit of W. P. Richardson against the Henrico Lumber Company was dismissed yesterday in the City Circuit Court on motion of attorneys for the plaintiff, having been settled out of court.

## HELD FOR USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

New York, December 20.—On a Federal indictment charging fraudulent use of the mails in promoting stock for a mill where the linen was supposed to be made in a day, six men were arrested in a raid conducted by post-office inspectors at the office of the Sterling Debenture Company here to-day. The authorities estimate that the yearly income of the promoters in this and other ventures has been more than \$1,600,000 and that \$10,000,000 of the public's money has been paid over to them since they began doing business. Investors in many parts of the country are named in the indictment as complaining witnesses, and the alleged unlawful conspiracy specified extended over a period of nineteen months ending December 21, 1909. Government authorities have been investigating complaints against the defendants for six years, they said.

The men arrested are Frank W. Shumaker, former president of the Sterling Debenture Company, and Harry H. Platt, Samuel E. Findlay, E. A. Barron, Wilbur M. Stone and Sidney Rosenbaum. They were held in bail aggregating \$22,500. Three other men are named in the indictment. One of them, according to news received to-night, has been arrested in Chicago. The others are believed to be in Brookfield, Mass.

According to the indictment, investors were induced to send money to the Sterling Debenture Company for the purchase of stock in the Oxford Linen Mills, a Maine corporation, under the alleged fraudulent representation that the Oxford mills owned exclusively patent and secret processes that would manufacture linen from American-grown flax at one-third the cost of foreign linen and in quicker time.

According to the postal authorities, the Oxford Linen Mills are not now connected with the Sterling Debenture Company.

## CHECK FROM CARNEGIE

Makes Possible Purchase of Joel Chandler Harris' Home.  
Atlanta, Ga., December 20.—Andrew Carnegie, friend and admirer of the late Joel Chandler Harris, to-day made possible the plan to convert the author's home into a museum by a contribution of \$1,927. A check for that amount was received to-day by the "Uncle Remus Association," and was followed by the announcement that the "Wren's Nest," near Atlanta, would be purchased immediately. Other subscriptions had been received from all parts of the country by the association.

## JAPANESE CABINET RITZ.

Minister of Marine Minoru Satō Now Refuses to Retain Portfolio.  
Tokyo, December 20.—A fresh difficulty has arisen in the formation of the new Cabinet under Prince Taro Katsura. Vice-Admiral Minoru Satō, Minister of Marine, who had been retained in office by Prince Katsura, now refuses to remain, and the securing of a successor for this portfolio may delay the official announcement of the completion of the new government.

The new Cabinet has been organized as follows:  
Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs pro tem. Count Taro Katsura.  
Home Affairs. Viscount Kanetake.  
Finance. Reijiro Wakatsuki, formerly vice-minister.  
Communication and President of the Board. M. Goto.  
Agriculture and Commerce. Ren Nakashoji, formerly vice-minister.  
Justice. Itaru Matsumuro, formerly public procurator-general of the Court of Cassation.  
Education. Komazaburo Shibata, formerly chief secretary to the Cabinet.  
War. Lieutenant-General Yasutsuna Kikuchi.  
Count Kato will be appointed foreign minister on his return here from London.

## ROANOKE DEBATORS WIN.

Meet Representatives of Lynchburg High School in Contest.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., December 20.—In a debate to-night at the High School Auditorium, the representatives of Roanoke High School defeated the local debaters by a vote of 2 to 1, in a discussion of the subject, "Resolved: That the President of the United States Should Be Elected for Six Years and Be Ineligible to Re-Election." Lynchburg held the affirmative. The debaters were Messrs. Kyle and Richards for Lynchburg, and Messrs. Richardson and Boyd for Roanoke. A large crowd enjoyed the debate, the subject being handled in a very clever manner.

## DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS TO BE ABANDONED JANUARY 1

New York, December 20.—Democratic National Headquarters in the rooms of the Fifth Avenue Building will be discontinued on January 1, when the lease expires, according to announcement made to-day on behalf of the national committee. At its meeting in January the committee will decide in what city permanent headquarters is to be established. National Chairman William F. McCombs is expected to announce tomorrow the selection of chairman of the inaugural committee to take charge of arrangements at Washington on March 4. Walter W. Vick, assistant secretary of the national committee, has been selected secretary of the inaugural committee.

Asks Reports on Results.  
Washington, December 20.—To determine whether there is sufficient grounds for the Federal government to further attack "hard coal" interests under the Sherman antitrust law, Attorney-General Wickersham has sent a copy of the Supreme Court's decision of last Monday in the anthracite case to J. C. McReynolds, the government's counsel in the suit, with instructions to report its results.

## FINAL HEARING HELD

Attorneys Now Checking Up Results.  
Chicago, December 20.—The last of the scheduled hearings in the government suit to dissolve the International Harvester Company as a combination in restraint of trade was held here to-day. At its conclusion the govern-

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Men's Fancy Vests, good assortment of colors, silks and worsteds, \$5.00 values ..... **\$3.85**

Men's Smoking Jackets, various solid colors, with fancy backs, close with two silk frogs, \$5.00 values, at ..... **\$3.95**  
\$6.00 and \$6.50 values at ..... **\$4.50**  
Men's Extra Quality Lisle and Mercerized Suspenders, garter and arm band to match; special ..... **50c**  
Extra Quality Four-in-Hand Ties, imperial and reversible shapes; special ..... **50c**  
Men's Suits and Overcoats, specially priced at \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00.  
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, specially priced at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.50.

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## Main and Eighth Streets

ment attorneys went into conference to check up the results of the hearings in various cities and to decide upon further action.

The final witnesses were officials of the Harvester Company. E. M. Wood, secretary of the International Harvester Company of America, the selling branch of the main company, testified that the Harvester Company had 26,428 agents selling on commission and 36,494 agents on direct sales. Some of these, he said, appeared on both lists.

Benevolence on the part of the Harvester Company toward planters of

hemp in Yucatan was shown by the evidence of D. S. Daniel, head of the fibre and twine department of the International Company.

Mr. Daniel testified that the Harvester Company purchased 221,000 tons of "sisal" hemp from Yucatan planters in December, 1909, or more than one-third of the total supply in the world, at a price of 3 1/2 cents, in order to help the industry in Yucatan. Afterward the purchase price went to 6 cents, it was said. Mr. Daniels testified that the business of planting in Yucatan was in a bad way with debt and labor troubles, and that the Har-

vester Company bought a year's supply to put the planters on their feet.

Charles D. Funk, general manager of the Harvester Company, went on the stand long enough to turn over to the government the rest of the papers and letters demanded by the government attorneys at a recent session, at which they charged the Harvester officials with withholding important documents. Some of the records are said to have been destroyed, and those handed in to-day by Mr. Funk completed the files of those which the Harvester Company admits are in existence.

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